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1. PHILIPPINES

AFTER WEEK RECESS, DETROIT MURDER TRIAL OF 2 FILIPINA NURSES
RESUMED TUES; THREE WITNESSES TESTIFIED ONE OF NURSES WAS
ALONE WITH VICTIM MOMENTS BEFORE HIS BREATHING, PROBLEMS
BEGAN, BUT DEFENSE SHOWED APPARENT INCONSISTENCIES AMONG
WITNESSES' TESTIMONY (NYT SPEC). UPI PHOTO OF NURSES
LEAVING COURT ACCOMPANIES REPORT.

2. VIETNAM/JAPAN

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KAMM (NYT AWA KOMINATO, JAPAN) REPORTS INTERVIEW WITH
RECENTLY DEFECTED SRV DEPUTY CONG HOAN, WHO SERVED ON
CULTURE/EDUCATION CMTE OF HANOI PARLIAMENT. ACCORDING
HOAN, CENTRAL THRUST OF VN CULTURAL POLICY WAS TO DAM
NORTHWARD SPREAD OF SOUTHERN VN'S WESTERNIZED CULTURE;
AT HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE TAUGHT, MOST STUDENTS SHOWED
DISSATISFACTION WITH COMMUNIST REGIME/MANY TAKEN FROM
SCHOOL TO JAIL IN HANDCUFFS, NEVER RETURNED; PARLIAMENTARY
CMTE AT LAST SESSION CALLED FOR RE-EDUCATION" OF WRITERS/
ARTISTS CONSIDERED TOO, PROGRESSIVE, BY THIEU REGIME BUT NOT

PROGRESSIVE ENOUGH FOR CURRENT LEADERSHIP; DECLARED
DISENCHANTMENT WITH COMMUNIST RULE SHARED BY ALL PROMINENT
PERSONALITIES FROM OLD ANTI-GOVT ORGANIZATION STILL IN VN,
AND ANTI-COMMUNIST FEELING AMONG STUDENTS IN SOUTH WIDE-
SPREAD/LITTLE HIDDEN. HAON/20 OTHERS WHO TOOK RISKY
DECISION TO FLEE, LEFT FAMILIES BEHIND IN ORDER CALL INTL
ATTENTION TO SRV SEVERITY--BUT HAVE BEEN LARGELY UN-
SUCCESSFUL IN MISSION. KAMM NOTES JAPAN HAS EFFECTIVELY
CONFINED THEM TO AWA KOMINATO WHERE ACCESS TO WORLD
PUBLIC LIMITED, AND AMEMB TOKYO HAS RECEIVED THEIR
IMMIGRATION APPLICATIONS BUT HAS TOLD THEM BE PATIENT.

3. JAPAN

AGREEMENT LIMITING JAPANESE COLOR TV EXPORTS TO US CON-
FIRMED BY US/JAPAN SOURCES 5/17. PACT NEGOTIATED LAST
WK BETWEEN TRADE REP STRAUSS/JAPANESE VICE TRADE MIN MASUDA
IN TOKYO. EXPORTS LIMITED TO 1.75 MIL SETS YRLY, 40.9
PCT BELOW '76 LEVELS (FARNSWORTH, NYT; AP, BALT N-A 5/17;
CULLISON, JOC). CARTER EXPECTED ANNOUNCD TOMORROW REJECTION
ITC'S PROPOSAL FOR TARIFF INCREASE, WILL INSTEAD APPROVE
NEW VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT, TO BE SIGNED SATURDAY IN WASHING-
TON BY STRAUSS/JAPAN'S AMB TOGO (PINE, SUN). AGREEMENT
PRESENTED TO ECON POL GROUP MONDAY; LITTLE OPPOSITION,
THO SOURCES SAY COUNCIL OF ECON ADVISORS CHRMN SCHULTZE
DISPLEASED W/RESTRICTING TRADE (ROWE, WP).
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FROM TOKYO, NYT'S KAMM REPORTS JAPAN'S ATOMIC ENERGY COMMIS-
SION CHRMN UNO SUGGESTED 5/17 US OFFICIALS DEALING W/JAPAN
IN BAD FATH IN REPROCESSING DISPUTE, SAID CONTROVERSY
THREATENS DISRUPT JAPAN-US FRIENDSHIP. UNO SAID AT WORKING
LEVEL, US "HAS MADE UNREASONABLE REQUESTS AND HARASSED
US," THO AT SUMMIT LEVEL, "IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE" REACH
AGREEMENT. BELIEVES US TAKING ADVANTAGE ITS VETO RIGHT
ON NUKE FUEL REPROCESSING TO FURTHER CARTER'S ANTI-PROLIF
POL. REITERED JAPANESE VIEW THAT NUKE ENERGY "MATTER
OF LIFE AND DEATH FOR JAPAN."

WP QUOTES JAPANESE SOURCE THAT GOJ/USSR HAVE REACHED "AGREE-
MENT IN PRINCIPLE" ON PROPOSED NEW FISHING TREATY.

NYT/SUN CARRY AP FOTO DIET CMTE CHRMN MASUHARA BEING AT-
TACKED BY OPPOSITION DIETMEN AFTER HE RULED SHUT OFF DEBATE
ON OKINAWA MILITARY LAND-USE BILL 5/17.

JAMES J. WICKEL, FORMER EA STAFFER/INTERPRETER TO 5 US
PRESIDENTS, DIED OF HEART ATTACK IN TOKYO HOME 5/16 AT
AGE 51 (AP NYT, SUN; BALT N-A 5/17).

4. JAPAN/CHINA

JAPAN'S EXPORTS TO PRC IN 1ST 3 MOS '77 FELL 31.8 PCT
FROM YR AGO/IMPORTS ROSE 14.7 PCT. STEEL-EXPORT CONTRACTS
EXPECTED REACH RECORD 4 MIL METRIC TONS THIS YR (AP,
CHITRIB).

5. CHINA

DOS SPOKESMAN SAID 5/17 US INCREASING STAFF OF USLO
FOLLOWING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF BIGGER BUDGET (UP
FROM '76'S \$784,000 TO MORE THAN \$1 MIL/YR). USLO
WILL GET 6 EXTRA STAFF, RAISING US PRESENCE TO 36/PERFORM
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SOME FUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY HANDLED BY HK (REUTE, W.),
ACCORDING NCNA, PURGED "GANG OF 4" SAID TO BE
RIGHTIST" WHO POSED AS LEFTISTS/RADICALS BECAUSE NEEDED
FALSE IMAGE, TO CLOAK THEIR COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY
FEATURES ." (REUTER HK, 5/17).

WRITING FROM CANTON, BALT SUN'S ARNOLD ISSACS SAYS
CANTON EXPORT FAIR SHOWS PRC EAGER FOR NEW DEALS/WIDER
TRADE WITH W. ISSACS NOTES WESTERNERS' VIEW CHINESE
MORE FLEXIBLE ABOUT MEETING BUYERS' NEEDS. NCNA PRO-
VIDED NO FIGURES BUT REPORTED VALUE EXPORT/IMPORT TRANS-
ACTIONS SURPASSED THAT OF ALL PREVIOUS FAIRS. CITES
NCUSCT'S KAMM AS SAYING US-PRC FAIR TRADE EXPECTED TOTAL
\$50-55 MIL, APPROX. SAME VOL. AS '76 FAIR. OVERALL VOL
HIGHER BUT SOME SHORTAGES AS FOODSTUFFS. CHINESE FOUND
CANDID RE ECON PROBLEMS WHICH BLAMED ON "GANG OF 4,
SABOTAGE. SOME ANALYSTS ATTRIBUTE SHORTAGES TO ECON
PROBLEM/DECISION NEW LEADERSHIP RAISE PEOPLE'S LIVING
STANDARDS, ETC. MORE THAN 26,000 FOREIGNERS VISITED
41ST FAIR SINCE '57. SAYS IN RECENT YRS, CANTON FAIR
DECLINED IN IMPORTANCE BUT STILL ACCOUNTS FOR SIZABLE
PROPORTION PRC TRADE. SOME 2,000 DIFFERENT PRODUCTS EX-
HIBITED.

6. TIBET

ALLEN (FRONT PG WP'S "STYLE" SECTION) DESCRIBES BRIEF
LUNCHEON ENCOUNTER W/BUDDHISM'S KARMAPA LAMA, NOW
VISITING WASHINGTON/STAYING AT SEN PERCY'S HOME.

7. KOREA

REUTER (WP) SAYS CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE REPORT
INDICATES US WOULD SAVE TWO BILLION DOLLARS OVER FOUR
YEARS THROUGH THE PHASED WITHDRAWAL OF GROUND TROOPS WHILE
NOT ALTERING THE MILITARY BALANCE. REPORT SAYS IT WOULD
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BE PRUDENT TO PROVIDE INSURANCE OFFSETTING THE WITHDRAWAL WITH OTHER FORCE EXCHANGES OR THE PROVISION OF MORE MODERN WEAPONS TO THE ROK.

WP (BABCOCK) SAYS THE SPLIT BETWEEN A MAVERICK JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAS WIDENED. REP CAPUTO HAD EARLIER CRITICIZED THE SLOW PACE OF THE INVESTIGATION. OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS SUSPECT THAT CAPUTO IS ENGAGED IN A PRIVATE INVESTIGATION OF THE KOREAN ISSUE DESPITE A COMMITTEE DECISION OPPOSING SUCH MOVES.

UPI (BALT N.A.) SAYS THE NAMES OF A HUNDRED CONGRESSMEN AND A FEW SENATORS ARE MENTIONED IN PAPERS RETRIEVED FROM TONG SUN PARK'S GARBAGE. NAMES APPEAR IN SHREDDED AND DISCARDED PAPERS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. KOREA

CSM SAYS THAT THE SFRC SHOULD PRESS AHEAD WITH A THOROUGH REVIEW OF FOREIGN LOBBYING ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY IS QUOTED AS SAYING OVER 600 LOBBYISTS FOR FOREIGN GOVTS ALREADY REGISTERED WITH DOJ WITH MANY OTHERS OPERATING BUT UNREGISTERED. TONG SUN PARK A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE UNREGISTERED VARIETY. TIGHTENING LOOPHOLES SEEMS OVERDUE.

GWERTZMAN (NYT) ANALYSES PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE ADMIN'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY. NOTES VANCE'S SPEECH WHERE LIMITS OF OUR ACTIONS WAS INDICATED. ASKS IF IN A PLACE LIKE SOUTH KOREA WILL WE BE ABLE TO RETAIN INFLUENCE.

9. HONG KONG

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CHITRIB (5/18) CARRIES SUMMARIES OF TWO TALKS ON HK DELIVERED BY HOOVER INSTITUTION SENIOR FELLOW ALVIN RABUSHKA TO UNIV CHI GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS. RABUSHKA SAYS NO MORE EXCITING CITY THAN HK WHICH MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES TEXTBOOK MODEL OF COMPETITIVE MARKET ECON, ENCUMBERED W/ ONLY BAREST OVERLAY OF GOVT. IDEA HK "BORROWED PLACE" LIVING ON "BORROWED TIME" INFUSED ALL ECON ACTIVITY W/ URGENCY OF NO TOMORROW. IN DISCUSSING HK'S POL FUTURE, HE NOTES TERRITORY LEASED FROM PRC/ SAYS W/OUT NEW TERRITORIES--LEASE ON WHICH DUE EXPIRE IN 1977-- FOUNDATION OF HK'S ECON PROSPERITY WOULD DISAPPEAR. PRC VIEW SETTLEMENT HK POL STATUS NOT FALLING-W/IN CATEGORY COLONIAL TERRITORIES. PRC'S SPECIAL

RELATIONSHIP TO HK PREDOMINANTLY ECON/WILL ALLOW CONTINUE SO LONG AS SERVES WIDE INTEREST OF CHINESE REGIME. ONLY IF MASSIVE OUTFLOW CAPITAL BEGINS ARE CHINESE LIKELY TAKE PUBLIC STAND. RABUSHKA CITES VARIOUS IMPORTANT FACTORS PRC MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION BEFORE ALLOWING CHANGE IN HK'S STATUS. W/ REGARD REASONING THROUGH PEKING'S TOLERANCE, IF NOT ENCOURAGEMENT, HK INVOLVES ELEMENT OF POLITICAL RISK.

10. CHINA

CSM'S DILLIN IN WASHINGTON SAYS SOV EFFORT, IMPROVE RELS WITH PRC HAVE FAILED MISERABLY/CITES RECENT PRAVDA CHARGE CHINA PREPARING FOR EVENTUAL WAR W/SOVS/WEST AS LATEST EVIDENCE FAILURE SOV DIPLOMACY. NOTES ANALYSTS' VIEW BEHIND SOV EFFORT GENUINE FEAR CHINESE POSE SERIOUS/LONG-TERM THREAT TO SOV TERRITORY. SAYS SOV STRATEGISTS CONCERNED IN FUTURE US/JAPAN/ OR WEUR MAY TRY PLAY OFF PRC AGAINST SOVS. ACCORDING TO DILLIN SOME ANALYSTS BELIEVE NEWEST SOV PROPAGANDA ATTACK EFFORT REGAIN UPPER HAND IN RELS WITH CHINA. CHINESE REBUFFED SOV EFFORTS FOR BETTER RELS IN IMMEDIATE POST-MAO PERIOD. SEE OTHER TRENDS IN SINO-SOV RELS WORSENER, FROM MOSCOW'S VIEWPOINT. CHINESE MIL POWER ESPECIALLY NUKE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARSENAL PRESENTS GROWING THREAT. ADDS JAPAN - WHICH HAS POOR RELS U/SOVS-- COULD PROVIDE CRITICAL ASSIST TO PRC MIL MACHINE. VIETNAM GIVES INDICATIONS OF BEING "SOFT" ON PRC BRAND OF COMMUNISM. RUMORS PERSIST US COULD BE ON VERGE OF ARMS SALES TO PRC/ BUT INFORMED SOURCES SAY RUMORS APPEAR HAVE NO FOUNDATION.

ACCORDING, NYT EDITORIAL (5/18), "THE TROUBLED TRIANGLE", CONTINUING COLD WAR BETWEEN SOV/CHINA PRESENTS RISKS/ OPPORTUNITIES FOR US THAT NEED BE WEIGHED IN OUR OWN DIPLOMACY. AFTER TAKING NOTE OF PRAVDA'S "VITUPERATIVE ASSAULT" ON PRC GOVT LAST SUN, EDITORIAL SAYS CAN ONLY GUESS WHAT TRIGGERED IT BUT IT'S FINAL PROOF DEATHS MAO/CHOU CHANGED NOTHING IN RIVALRY. PROPER US AIM IS EXPLOIT RIVALRY IN PURSANT OWN INTEREST BUT NOT FOR EXCLUSIVELY ANTI-SOV OR ANTI-PRC PURPOSE. FOR NEXT GENERATION, HIGHEST US INTEREST MUST BE PRESERVATION NUKE BALANCE W/ SOVS VIA ARMS CONTROL/ DEVELOPMENT. ALTHOUGH

NUKE WEAPONS EQUILIBRIUM MUST COME FIRST AMONG US OBJECTIVES, MOST TRADE/ DIP TIES WITH PRC CONSISTENT WITH IT. CLOSER WASHINGTON-PEKING COLLABORATION CAN BE SUBTLY HELPFUL IN PROMOTING SOV INTEREST IN WESTERN DETENTE. ADDS COULD HELP IN 3RD COUNTRY SITUATION FOR US HAVE CHOICE COOPERATING WITH MOSCOW/PEKING. CONCLUDES EASIER DEFINE DIPL IN SIMPLE TERMS FRIENDS/ADVERSARIES BUT MORE PROFITABLE LABOR OUR CORNER OF INTRIGUING

TRIANGLE.

11. MICRONESIA

BECK COLUMN (NYT) ENTITLED "MICRO(PHONE)NESIA" DISCUSSES CIA ACTIVITIES THERE. SAYS BUGGING PART OF BROAD DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT STRATEGY DESIGNED PRESERVE MICRONESIA AS SECURE MIL OUTPOST "AT THE GATEWAY TO THE ASIAN MAINLAND". STATES CIA APPARENTLY SEEKING COMPLEMENT PREDICTABLE US UNCLASSIFIED

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DOMINANCE AT BARGAINING TABLE W/ISLANDS OVER INDEPENDENCE BY GAINING HARD ADVANCE INFO ABOUT MICRONESIA'S NEGOTIATING POSITION. BELIEVES CARTER DIDN'T HAVE OPPORTUNITY ANALYZE MATTER; SAYS "MAN SO SENSITIVE TO HUMAN RIGHTS" COULD NOT HAVE ALLOWED CIA "TRAMPLE" ON POL RTS OF "EMERGING NATION." URGES MORE VIGOROUS MOVE TOWARD DETERMINING EXTENT TO WHICH CIA "TAINTED" NEGOTS/"COMPROMISED" FLEDGLING MICRONESIAN POL PROCESS.

12. GENERAL

BRODER (SF CHRON 5/10) FINDS "VIVID EVIDENCE" AT HONOLULU MTG ANNUAL CONVENTION AMER SOCIETY NEWSPAPER EDITORS OF "CONTINUING FEAR" THAT WASHINGTON WILL NEGLECT PACIFIC INTERESTS. STATES "NO MATTER HOW OFTEN" WASHINGTON OFFICIALS DENY IT, ANXIETY OVER MATTER REFLECTS VN LEGACY/INDOCHINA WITHDRAWAL. SAYS CONCERN SEEMS "PARTICULARLY MISPLACED" W/CARTER, AS NO RECENT PRES MORE CONSCIOUS OF JAPAN. QUOTES EDITORS ASIAN WSJ/FAR EAST ECON REVIEW, HUDSON INSTITUTE FUTURIST KAHN; ALL EXPRESS OPTIMISM FOR AREA'S FUTURE PROSPERITY/ECON GROWTH.

13. INDIAN OCEAN

ZORZA (WP) BELIEVES IF US/USSR CAN AGREE DEMILITARIZE INDIAN OCEAN, COULD PROVIDE MODEL FOR OTHER SUCH AGREEMENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF WORLD. SAYS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO USSR IS THAT IN EVENT OF WAR W/PRC, CHINESE THRUST AGAINST TRANS-SIBERIA RAILWAY COULD CUT OFF SOV FAR EAST FROM CENTRAL RUSSIA, LEAVING INDIAN OCEAN AS MAIN ROUTE FOR OIL SUPPLIES. STATES US' DIEGO GARCIA BASE/USSR'S IN SOMALIA

PROVIDE FRAMEWORK FOR MUCH LARGER PRESENCE IF SUPERPOWERS DECIDE MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. URGES, AS BEGINNING, US-SOV AGREEMENT LIMIT DEPLOYMENT BOTH COUNTRIES' SHIPS IN AREA. CHRISTOPHER UNCLASSIFIED

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